

**Employment Development Department
Transfer Support of the Committee on Employment of
People with Disabilities to Department of Rehabilitation
Trailer Bill**

Amend Government Code Section 12803.6 as follows:

12803.6. (a) The Governor shall authorize the secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, in collaboration with the secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, to make available the expertise of state employees and programs to support the employment-related needs of individuals with disabilities. Using existing resources, the agencies shall develop a sustainable, comprehensive strategy to do all of the following:

(1) Bring ~~adults~~ individuals with disabilities into gainful employment at a rate that is as close as possible to that of the general ~~adult~~ population.

(2) Support the goals of equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for these individuals.

(3) Ensure that state government is a model employer of individuals with disabilities.

(4) Support state coordination with, and participation in, benefits planning training and information dissemination projects supported by private foundations and federal grants.

(b) ~~(4)~~ The Labor and Workforce Development Agency shall monitor and enforce implementation of Section 188 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2938), and shall require local workforce investment boards to report as follows:

—(A) ~~By July 1, 2003, each local workforce investment board shall report to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency or its designated department on the steps it has taken to ensure compliance with Section 188 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2938), in regard to the provisions as they apply to persons with disabilities.~~

—(B) ~~By October 31, 2003, each local workforce investment board that chooses to participate in the federal Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency program shall report to the California Workforce Investment Board on its readiness to meet the eligibility standards to serve as an employment network under the federal Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency program (Section 1148(f), Part A, Title XI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1320b-19).~~

—(2) ~~The Labor and Workforce Development Agency shall report its findings, based on the reports described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), to the Governor and the Legislature.~~

Amend Government Code Section 12803.65 as follows:

12803.65. (a) The Governor shall rename and establish, in the ~~Labor and Workforce Development Agency~~ California Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Rehabilitation, the existing ~~California Governor's Committee on Employment of Disabled Persons~~ as the "California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities" or "CGCEPD;" as the "California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities."

(b) (1) The California ~~Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities~~ shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) Four individuals with disabilities representing disabled persons, ~~two~~ appointed by the Governor and ~~one each appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly, secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency,~~ each for a three-year term.

(B) The Directors of the Employment Development Department, State Department of Health Care Services, State Department of Mental Health, State Department of Developmental Services, State Department of Social Services, and Department of Rehabilitation, and the Chair of the State Independent Living Council.

(C) ~~A~~ Representatives from the State Department of Health Services' California Health Incentive Improvement Project.

(D) A representative from the California Workforce Investment Board to be identified by the California Workforce Investment Board.

(E) Representatives from any other department or program that may have a role in increasing the capacity of state programs to support the employment-related needs of individuals with disabilities at the discretion of the secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency.

(F) A representative from a local one-stop or local workforce investment board, to be appointed identified by the Governor California Workforce Investment Board.

(G) A Three business representatives with experience in employing persons with disabilities, to be appointed by the Governor secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, each for a three-year term.

(2) The members of the California ~~Governor's~~ Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities shall select a chair from among the members, and shall hold open meetings no less than ~~quarterly~~ four times a year.

(c) The California ~~Governor's~~ Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities shall consult with and advise the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and the California Health and Human Services Agency on all issues related to full inclusion in the workforce of persons with disabilities, including ~~development of the comprehensive strategy required pursuant to Section 12803.6 and implementation of the grant program established pursuant to Section 12803.7.~~

(d) The California ~~Governor's~~ Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities shall also: ~~—(1) Coordinate and provide leadership, as necessary, with regard to efforts to increase inclusion in the workforce of persons with disabilities including one annual event for youth with disabilities as permitted by funding.~~

~~(2) Report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the employment status of Californians with disabilities.~~

~~(e) The California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities shall provide support to the State Workforce Investment Board and the local one-stop centers in their efforts to achieve full compliance with Sections 18002, 18004, 18006, and 18008 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, and shall identify the extent to which any one-stops are not in full compliance with those sections and the reasons for the lack of compliance, including the need for additional resources.~~

~~(f) The California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities shall meet quarterly four times a year with the California Health Incentive Improvement Project, administered by the State Department of Health Services, and the project's steering committee, to the extent funding for the project continues and the activities of the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities are not inconsistent with the charge of the California Health Incentive Improvement Project.~~

~~(g) Using existing funding, the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities shall facilitate, promote, and coordinate collaborative dissemination of information on employment supports and benefits, which shall include the Ticket to Work program and health benefits, to individuals with disabilities, consumers of public services, employers, service providers, and state and local agency staff.~~

~~(h) Using existing funding, the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities shall receive primary administrative and staff support from the State Employment Development Department of Rehabilitation subject to funding from the State Employment Development Department.~~

Repeal Government Code Section 12803.7 as follows:

~~12803.7. The California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, in conjunction with the Department of Rehabilitation, pursuant to Section 12803.65 and to the extent that funds are available, shall make grants available to counties and local workforce investment boards, through collaborative efforts of public agencies and private organizations, including organizations that serve people with disabilities, to accomplish both of the following purposes:~~

~~—(a) To develop local strategies, including, but not limited to, regular cross-agency staff training, for enhancing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.~~

~~—(b) To fund comprehensive local or regional benefits planning and outreach programs to assist individuals with disabilities in removing barriers to work.~~